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PILOT DRIP PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 500 hectare pilot drip projects provided by the Findex Drip IrrigationSystem of Finolex Plastro Polassion Ltd. of Pune has helped the sugar factories to extend their crushing season in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the States of Punjab and UP propose to have the project;

(c) whether the Government propose to develop any technology for reduction in farm costs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): There is no such pilot project of drip irrigation system for sugarcane provided by the Finolex Plastro Polassion Ltd. in Maharashtra. However, last year some drip irrigation companies have installed drip sets which may help in extending the crushing season in Maharashtra.

At present no such project is in operation in Punjab or Uttar Pradesh.However in Punjab some Cooperative Sugar Mills are planning trials of drip irrigation for sugarcane.

(c)&(d): A number of technologies have been developed by the ICAR/SAUs forreducing the farm costs by efficient use of inputs, use of organic manures, mechanization, drip irrigation and inter-cropping besides better use of by-products.